

# The Conning Tower

Remorseful Thoughts by the Fox Meadow Anthologist.

To help you in your daily grind,  
I penned some verses.  
Because you printed them I find  
Ten thousand curses  
Have come my way. I took for theme  
A friend—a neighbor.  
I swear to you I didn't dream  
That he would labor  
Deludedly, and think that I  
Some hurt intended.  
But now I hear the silly guy  
Is quite offended.  
And so I beg on bended knee,  
However clever  
The verse may be you get from me  
You must not ever  
Allow its worth to tempt you—will you,  
Whatever you think it?  
And though with grief the act will fill you,  
Please quickly zinc it.

P. W.

It is to be regretted if the publication of P. W.'s anthology has lost him friends; but that is the way when you shoot an arrow into the air. Chrup, P. W. The only way to write interestingly is to mention names, and you can't mention names without hurting somebody you hadn't the least thought of hurting.

## DIE VERLIEBTE VERSLIBRISTS.

Sir: Speaking of *vers libre*—and the difference between Whitman and Ezra Pound—I think a young friend of mine hit the n. on the h. when she said: "I wouldn't mind it at all if they'd only say something."

Sir: Would it be libelous to call Edgar Lee Masters a *vers libre* poet? Or has someone done it already? A. R. F.

Well, as Mr. E. S. Martin has pointed out, the use of language is to express thought, and as the recipient of this letter, written by a sales manager of the U. S. Expansion Bolt Co., knew what was meant, why quibble? "This Toggle," the letter reads, "compares more favorably than any other Toggle on the market to-day, and from a standpoint of construction we think it is even more so."

Mrs. Evelyn Shaw is, take it from her physician's certificate, in a highly nervous condition, but we and our readers, thanks to the promise we made Justice Hendricks, are serenely in the normally tempered flesh.

Here, for the first time this season, is that little old last year's strain all but the Braves cracked under in 1914. The Braves are the only team not setting the pace. Watch them soar!

## THE UNAFFECTIONEDNESS OF GENIUS.

[From the Hartford Times.]

Water Commissioner Patrick J. Egan, poet laureate of City Hall, was warmly congratulated over the holiday, on the publication, by the New York Tribune, of his poem, dashed off in honor of the St. Mary's choir outing, at Compoose, F. P. A. had it in his double-barreled column. The commissioner received the compliments modestly.

Speaking of neutralization, Allen M. Booz has just been admitted to the Maryland bar, but Judge Clearwater remains as President of the New York State Bar Association.

Nor does it accelerate our pulse a beat an hour to learn that Charles Heim is editor of "Seven Seas."

## THE DIARY OF OUR OWN SAMUEL PEPYS

July 4.—In the afternoon with my wife for a trip of exploration, and we did fetch up at the new ferry at Dyckman street, and rode across the river on it too, and then in a petrol-carriage to Englewood, my wife sitting with the driver, but I between two loud-talking louts, and so crowded that I could see nothing of the fair view. Then upon a tram-car through Englewood and Union Hill and Heaven knoweth what towns else, till we came to Weehawken and thence by ferry to the city. It coming on to be late in the evening, I fidgeted lest I come to the office late, and without any of my stint done. Nay, saith my wife, we shall take our time, forasmuch as you have come later than this to your office on days when you were playing on the tennis-court. Which God knoweth is true, so I said no more, being in the wrong of it.

5.—Stopped at home all the day, and read "Mrs. Martin's Man," by Mr. Ervine, and some good stuff in it, too, albeit overlong. To see H. Swope the pamphleteer, who hath sat up this day, the first time in two months.

6.—To the courts, and Will Beebe and I lost at doubles again, but without any great chagrin. To the office, and did my stint with great glee and zest, as always of late; and each night I am astonished when Michael the printing-man bespeaks me, Mr. Pepys, three more little moieties of merriment will be enough to fill.

7.—To the office, where all the day at this task and that, but got very little done what with people coming to visit me, and staying longer than they should. Are you busy? they say, and I tell them, yes, otherwise I should not be there. But they do stay and stay. And a sempster-woman in my room at home. It is well, seems, that the work I have to do requirerh no thought and no concentration, for in that case what I should do it dizzies me to contemplate.

"My stuff doesn't please you much, does it?" writes Spink, who forgets to enclose a s. s. a. envelope. "Do you think that the purchase of a good landing-net would insure me a scoop?" Try trolling, Spink.

The Malthusian theory bats low in Keansburg Heights, N. J. "This is Household Night," says a motion picture house ad. "Win a Prize and Start a Home Every Tuesday."

## CONTRIBS I HAVE MET.

FLACUS.

A brilliant pianist he,  
(Perhaps I had better inform you that  
It's Flacus I'm aiming this poem at.)  
But it doesn't increase the size of his hat  
To be  
A wee  
Bit better than Paderewski.

At tennis and golf he's great.  
Though usually he's torn betwixt  
Desires for foursomes and doubles, (mixed)  
And by the time he's finally fixed.

Which mate  
To date,  
It's usually too late.

A regular all 'round guy,  
(I mean his abilities, not his shape)  
A master of quiddity, quip and jape.  
His style I've endeavored in vain to ape.  
Oh my!  
Would I  
Were a Pegasus-buster as spry.

GENEVIEVE.

"In the matter of text," blurbs Puck, with plenty of top-spin to its reverse twist, "we have been particularly fortunate in obtaining a first-rate yarn by Stephen Leacock."

Old Bill Irwin travelogues from Paris that French playing cards are made without numbers in the corners and are therefore useless for Canfield solitaire.

We h. n. b. for the girls who wear furs in the summer, but—

'Till we go through a July day without seeing a waistcoat-wearing man we're off the summer fur wheeze.

F. P. A.

# FRANCE'S DAY' BIG EVENT IN LONDON

Contributions from All Over Country for French Red Cross.

## SOCIETY LEADERS FIGHT FOR HONOR

Duchess of Somerset, with Garden Party, Wins Victory Over Rivals.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, July 7.—Today was "France's Day" in London and throughout the provinces, and despite the great social battle that raged through the day preceding it was a great success, in no wise dampened by the rivalry.

Everywhere on the streets here and elsewhere ladies of society sold small tricolors. There were special services at Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral, where most of the attending were black as a tribute to the French soldiers.

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